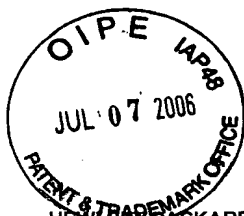


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Dear Examiner:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2006 (hereinafter the "Current Action"), please consider the following response:

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.